



# Going Global Exchange

## JAMAICA

### 4-H in Jamaica

Jamaica 4-H Clubs is a youth development organization that works with members aged 5-25. With over 104,000 members across the country, 4-H is a leading youth organization in Jamaica.

4-H Jamaica seeks to mobilize, educate, and train youth to be leaders and capable workers for their country. 4-H Clubs are offered through schools, churches, and communities. Members, known as clubites, work together on many different projects, including school gardens, honey and coffee production, livestock management, and more.



### What to Expect

- Jamaica is a country of extremes. Along the coast and in the suburbs of Kingston, you will find extravagant resorts, and luxurious homes. However, an estimated 1 in 5 people live in poverty. Within both rural communities and the urban centre, the side effects of poverty are visible, including lack of access to education and literacy, malnutrition, crime and violence, unemployment, and inaccessibility of health services.
- Be prepared to experience rural Jamaican family life and explore Jamaican culture from a local perspective.
- You will have the opportunity to participate in local 4-H club and community events.
- Tour 4-H coffee plantations, sugarcane, apiculture operations and local food markets.
- Learn some of Jamaica's national language "patois".

### Read past GGE experiences!

- Olivia in Jamaica (2016)  
<http://lavinjamaica.tumblr.com/>
- Maggie in Jamaica(2015)  
<http://maggiekyleinjamaica.blogspot.ca/>

### QUICK FACTS

Sugar is the biggest Jamaican export. Other exports include bananas, coffee, spices, pimentos, cocoa, citrus, and coconuts!

While small, Jamaican culture has a strong global presence!

Jamaica boast the most number of churches per capita in the world!

About 25% of Jamaicans are employed in agriculture!



"I learned so much on my exchange in Jamaica about so many different things that I wouldn't have learned any other way than by experiencing them first hand. It was a rewarding experience and now I am more knowledgeable and confident because of my experiences. I also feel more ready for post-secondary."

Maggie, Jamaica, 2015